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1. The Communist Air Force, Peiping, uses a warehouse at No. 1 Ya Shih (雅室) Hutung, Tung Ch'eng Men Wai (東城門外) labeled "41 Unit," which is the name of air force elements at South Field, Peiping. The warehouse contains large quantities of air force equipment, spare parts and blueprints for various aircraft.

2. Early in January 1950 the Chinese Communist War Area Service Corps was attempting to recruit engineers and technicians for servicing electric and internal combustion engines, and custodians for air force equipment and fuel. Qualified technicians were offered 300 to 400 catties of millet as a monthly salary. If employed, they will be subject to surveillance and their movements will be restricted.

3. On 1 January 4 Soviet military advisers accompanied TSENG Sheng, commander of the Communist 37 Army and the Kwangtung Coast Guard, as he visited the Changmutou (114-06, 22-53) section of the Canton-Kowloon railway. TSENG was on his way to Aotouchiang (114-32, 22-43), via Huiyang (114-26, 23-05) and Tanshui (114-28, 22-47), to inspect coastal defenses. TSENG plans to develop Aotouchiang as a naval base.

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